

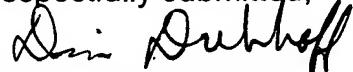
REMARKS:

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claim 42 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by the Reeb reference, U.S. Patent No. 5294290. This claim has been deleted from the application.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 43 has been indicated as being allowed. Claim 43 is the remaining claim in the application and therefore applicants request an early Notice of Allowance for the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,



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